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1. On 9 July 1947 a number of important members of the Sino-Soviet Cultural Association, VOKS, TASS, and the Language Circles of Soviet Organizations (under control of the Cultural Department of the Soviet Citizens Association), and Zakheim who is in charge of the Epoch Daily (Chinese edition - Shih Tai Jih Pao) held a meeting at the Soviet Citizens Club to discuss plans for improving the newspaper. The following Chinese leftist cultural workers will be asked to assist:

- (a) KUO Mo-jo (郭沫若) : Well known writer and historian
(b) MAO Tun (茅盾) : Well known literary man who recently returned to Shanghai after a trip to the USSR.
(c) LIN Tan-ch'iu (林淡秋) : Chief of Chinese Communist propaganda work in Shanghai.
(d) LOU Shih-i (卢逸夷) : Communist cultural worker.
(e) CHANG T'ien-yu (蒋天佑) : Communist cultural worker.

2. At the meeting the following decisions were made:

- (a) Soviet authorities will handle all the expenditures (?control all financial aspects, ? pay all expenses).
(b) The manager of the paper and all persons connected with it will keep secret the names of editors, reporters and contributors.
(c) The paper will publish more information on Chinese Communist activities.
(d) The paper will accept more articles from Chinese leftist cultural workers and contributors will receive more money for their articles than they have in the past.
(e) The paper will add a few new features such as a language column, a column to appeal to youth, a column of "Lessons in the Soviet language," a new arts column which will include cartoons, a column of popular literature which will include folk songs, etc.

3. Zakheim stressed the fact that the paper is entirely privately owned but is Soviet controlled. The policy of the paper will reflect the anti-civil war sentiments of the Chinese people and will not criticize the Chinese government.

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